

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

August 1, 2022

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, August 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office. Agenda notice was distributed to Spartanburg Herald Journal, Woodruff Times, and listed on the District website at [spartanburg4.org/do/agenda](http://spartanburg4.org/do/agenda).

Chairman Tony Davis called the meeting to order. Minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, and July 13<sup>th</sup>, meetings were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

## Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for August 2022 is attached.
2. WPS Summer School was held June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Forty-six students, kindergarten through second grade, completed the program. A state department visit to the second grade classes indicated a successful program!
3. Approximately 400 students have registered online. Parents can continue to register through their parent portal. They will also have the option to come in for assistance in registering on July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Meet the Teacher is scheduled for Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
5. WPS welcomes 13 new employees for the 2022-2023 school year! Cassie Moore (4K Teacher), Brittany Collins (5K Assistant), Cheyenne Brown (5K Teacher), Alexis Burdette (First Grade Teacher), Polly O'Shields (First Grade Teacher), Brittany Russell (First Grade Assistant), Brittany Kennedy (First Grade Assistant), Summer Baxter (Second Grade Teacher), Brooklyn McElrath (Second Grade Teacher), Brittany Kakule (Special Education Teacher), Erin Scruggs (Student Assistant), Cristina Allen (Cafeteria) and Ashley Hinojos (3K Assistant).
6. WPS has enrolled new 3K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students over the summer. These are students who were not enrolled at WPS in the 2021-2022 school year. New enrollees continue to come in daily.
  - 3K-43
  - 4K- 72
  - 5K- 32
  - 1<sup>st</sup> grade – 8
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 1

## August 2022

- 1 – WPS Registration 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 8- Faculty and Staff Return
- 11 – Meet the Teacher 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 15 – First Day of School (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
- 15 – 19 Staggered Entry (3K, 4K, and 5K)

## Enrollment

July 26, 2022					
Grade Level	# on Roll	On Hold	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	40	12	63	-23	14- Early Head Start will drop 2- withdrawals 7 – Moon (Special Education)

					0 -McCarthy Teszler
4k	121	13	127	-6	3- withdrawal 3 –Kakule (Special Education)
5K	153	8	158	-5	3- withdrawals 2 - Kakule (Special Education)
1st	188		197	-11	2- McCarthy Teszler 2- CDC 3- withdrawal 2 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	183		192	-9	2- Withdrawal 7 – Humerez (Special Education)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>685</b>		<b>737</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>8 – Humerez, 7 – Kakule, 3 – Moon 2 - Special Services, 2 - McCarthy Teszler &amp; 2 - CDC</b>

### Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. The WES Summer Reading Camp and Academic Recovery Camp operated in June. Students took the MAP assessment at the end of summer school to monitor progress.
2. As of Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 357 students have registered online. Robo calls have been made to parents reminding them that they can register from home. We have offered for parents to come in on July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:00 and 3:00 to complete their forms in the media center.
3. The week of August 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> we have a lot of things scheduled for teachers including meetings on the Instructional Hub, crisis management, ALEKS, special education services, handbook policies and procedures, etc.
4. Students can meet their teacher on August 11<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00.  
Technology Fee: \$30.00  
Watershed Science Program: \$5.00  
Tshirts: \$10.00 (We will take orders after school starts)  
Agendas: \$10.00

### **August**

- 1 – Registration
- 8 – First day for teachers
- 15<sup>th</sup> - First day for students
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Begin fall MAP testing

### Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. **Summer School** was held from June 6 - 30.
2. Woodruff Middle School welcomes **new staff** to the building this year:
  - Beth Ramey – ELA
  - Megan Spurlin - Math
  - Jorge Santos – PE/Cub FIT
  - Robert Vanadore – social studies
  - Jeanine Bennett - ISS
3. **Open House/Meet the Teacher** will be held Thursday, August 11, 5-7 pm.

4. As of July 26, WMS has 683 enrolled with fourteen students pending due to records.

#### **Calendar of Events:**

August 11	Meet the Teacher/Open House, 5-7 pm
August 17	Band instrument rental night 5-7pm
August 29	WMS football at D6 jamboree
September 2	School pictures
September 3	WMS volleyball at Upward tournament
September 5	Labor Day Holiday
September 6	WMS volleyball at Sims
September 7	WMS volleyball at home vs. HPA
September 12	WMS volleyball at Chesnee
September 14	WMS volleyball at home vs. Mabry
September 14	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter interim reports
September 15	WMS football at home vs Clifdale

#### **Woodruff High School**

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

1. All student and teacher schedules were mailed in July and related instructions given. Numerous parent conferences have been held regarding course schedules.
2. WHS New Teacher Orientation was held on July 21<sup>st</sup>.
3. Registration for the 2022-2023 school year was held on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, from 8 am to 6 pm.
4. There are currently 822 students with schedules at Woodruff High School. Students continue to transfer into and out of WHS in the weeks leading up to the start of school.
5. The facility has been cleaned, and the final touches are being put in place for school opening.
6. One hundred and twenty-eight students completed the extended school year program, received credits and made progress toward graduation.
7. Four students completed their diploma requirements during the extended school year program.
8. Student athletes have been working throughout the summer and have attended various camps. A consistent group of young men and women have been conditioning in the mornings throughout the summer. This group represents players from all athletic teams at WHS.
9. Band members have been working throughout the summer and have begun band camp. Several instruments were purchased or refurbished. The competition program is entitled "*Dragonfly*".

#### **Instructional Reports**

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Orientation for new employees was held on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in the Woodruff Elementary School library. Thirty-two new employees were addressed by Dr. Liston. They completed payroll documentation and insurance paperwork with Mr. Benfield and Mrs. Skinner. Accommodations were made for new employees who were unable to attend due to vacations or other conflicts.
2. Employees will participate in trainings specific to their roles through the Vector/Safe Schools online training modules. Universal trainings will include the following online videos: Bloodborne Pathogen, Sexual Harassment, and Child Abuse. Employees have had access to the training videos since early July, so they can view them at a time that is convenient.
3. District Four has sixteen teachers who will be evaluated at the induction level. They will be assigned mentors and participate in monthly induction classes. These classes support first year teachers, as they learn the SC Teaching Standards and the teacher evaluation instrument utilized in SC.

4. Four teachers will be evaluated at the annual contract level. These teachers will participate in a formal evaluation process with a team consisting of a building administrator and peer evaluator. They will be evaluated using the SC Teaching Standards Rubric 4.0.
5. Thirty-one continuing contract teachers will renew certificates on June 30, 2023. These teachers will participate in the comprehensive formative evaluation. Teachers complete this evaluation the year in which their certificates are scheduled to expire (5-year cycle). Mrs. Denise Brown completes these evaluations for District Four.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. Registration for the 2022-2023 school year was held at all schools today from 8 am- 6pm.
2. SD4's partnership with T-Mobile Project 10Million continues for the 2022-2023 school year. This allows SD4 to provide internet connectivity to students who have no access or need financial assistance to connect digitally outside of the traditional school setting. This partnership ensures all students have accessibility while away from school campuses.
3. The most up-to-date Spartanburg School District Four assessment calendar is attached. Please note all dates for testing are not currently available.
4. Assessment data for the 2021-2022 school year has been received, and we await state averages for comparison.
5. The Annual School and District Report Card has a release date of October 15, 2022. This accountability system is designed to promote high levels of student achievement, equipping students with the world-class knowledge, skills, and characteristics defined in the *Profile of a South Carolina Graduate*. This year's report card will reflect the established model prior to the pandemic. All categories including school ratings will be reflected for the 2021-2022 Report Card.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

**1. SPED Determinations**

- a. Principals have been given current Special Education numbers for the 2022-2023 start of school. Our numbers have increased since last school year.

**2. Mental Health Counseling**

- a. Information regarding the number of students receiving Mental Health Counseling in District was given to principals. We are excited to have another Mental Health Counselor on staff to address this great need.

**3. 2022-2023 Brookwood/McCarthy-Teszler Update:**

- a. Brookwood Academy will now have a 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy style program for students
- b. The new wing at McCarthy-Teszler will open in December.

**4. Teacher Schedules/Caseloads**

- a. I will be meeting with SPED Teachers and asking them for their schedule and caseloads during in-service days.

**5. Speaking at schools**

- a. I will be meeting with faculty at each school during in-service week to speak with them about: SPED laws, Mental Health Referrals, and our EAP that allows staff access to a number of different supports.

**Facilities**

1. **BAN 2022 Projects** - List attached.
2. **2022 / 2023 School Year Projects** – Listing attached.
3. **WMS Classroom Renovation** – All complete except for new doors / locks and counter top in Rm 102.
4. **House Auction** – Sold for \$42,500. Paid in Full on May 6, 2022. House moved on 7/14/22.
5. **Mulch** – Mulching around schools in progress. Started 7/18/22.
6. **Restroom Floor Maintenance** – Completed 7/17/22.

7. **Extermination** – All schools are scheduled for bug spraying week of Aug. 1
8. **Bus Washing** – Scheduled for Aug. 3 – 5.

### **Superintendent**

1. Presented copies of the 2022-2023 Board meeting schedule.
2. Reminded the board about the opening breakfast on August 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. Registration was held at all schools, August 1 from 8am-6pm.

### **Board Action**

1. Approved local board approved courses for the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Approved Zabrina Tollison as Woodruff Elementary Teacher.
3. Approved Jeremiah Stewart as Woodruff High School Teacher/Coach.